



### Grades 6-12

- Tuition-free, public school.
- Enrollment by lottery (*no fee, no exam*).
- Enrolling new students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9.
- Residents of Cambridge and siblings have priority in lotteries.
- Open to all students in Massachusetts.

Located in Kendall Square, near MIT.

Short walk from the MBTA Red Line.

School bus for Cambridge students in grades 6-8.

### Community Charter School of Cambridge

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## A Level 1-Rated School



*Because Success is a Choice*



**Now serving grades 6-12.**

*Nationally recognized for outstanding student achievement growth.*



*High expectations for all students.*



*Teachers committed to helping every student succeed.*



*Advisory program builds strong relationships.*

# ABOUT CCSC

Located in Kendall Square, **Community Charter School of Cambridge** is a tuition-free, public charter school (grades 6-12). CCSC offers a rigorous academic program that prepares all students for post-secondary success and helps them develop the confidence and professionalism they will need to compete in the global economy.

- College preparatory curriculum with emphasis on math, humanities, and science.
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses and honors options open to all students.
- Advisory program ensures all students are known well and closely supported.
- Skilled specialists support students with special needs and English language learners.
- Extended school day: Free homework help after classes end.
- Families can access grades in real time online; frequent communication home.
- Sports and extra-curriculars to meet a wide range of interests.
- Summer Academy for new students.

### More information online:

[www.ccscambridge.org](http://www.ccscambridge.org)

### Contact CCSC:

(617) 354-0047 or [info@ccscambridge.org](mailto:info@ccscambridge.org)



## Roundtables & Senior Internship



Every CCSC student in grades 6-11 makes a Roundtable presentation at the end of the year. Roundtables give students an opportunity to demonstrate mastery of their learning and to develop confidence in public speaking.



Every CCSC senior is placed in an internship with a local business or non-profit one day a week all spring. The senior internship provides a meaningful, real-world experience in a professional setting.

## CCSC Program Strengths

**All students take a rigorous college preparatory curriculum.** Classes are grouped heterogeneously with additional support for students with learning differences. A typical student schedule includes:

### Core classes, which meet in 70-minute blocks:

- Humanities (*English and history*) – 7-8 times a week
- Math – 4 or 7 times a week
- Science – 4 times a week
- Spanish – 4 times a week

### Every schedule also includes:

- Daily morning meeting with advisor (*homeroom*)
- Twice weekly advisory group meetings
- “Drop Everything and Read” (*sustained reading period 4x week*)
- Academic enrichment periods (*supervised study halls & college counseling*)
- Wellness and Movement (*physical fitness and health*)
- Art

### Extended school day:

- Doors open at 8:00 AM.
- Classes: 8:30 - 3:40 (*1:30 dismissal on Wed.*)
- After School Learning Center: 3:45 - 4:45 PM\*
- Sports & extra-curriculars: 3:45 - 6:00 PM\*
- CCSC@Night: Weekly study hall with dinner 5:00 - 7:00 PM \*

*\*optional*



## CCSC Student Success

Our students’ universal college acceptance rate, strong MCAS scores and state-leading rates of learning growth attest to the effectiveness of our program in closing the achievement gap.

- 100% of seniors admitted to college, over 90% to 4-year schools (*2009-14*).
- Outstanding rates of learning growth across all grades, far surpassing those of sending districts (*2014*).
- 98% and 97% of 10th graders scored advanced or proficient on the ELA and math MCAS, respectively (*2014*).
- 100% of 10th graders scored advanced or proficient in ELA (*2013 & 2012*).
- 100% of 10th graders scored advanced or proficient in math (*2012 & 2011*).

### The CCSC Recipe for Success:

Our teachers are highly skilled at engaging all kinds of learners and are committed to the success of every student. In our Middle School (grades 6-8), we focus on building and reinforcing the foundational academic skills and good study habits that students will need to maximize learning as they move on to high school. In our High School (grades 9-12), the curriculum focuses on college readiness, with high expectations for all students and AP courses and honors options for those seeking even more challenge. We offer team sports and a variety of extra-curricular activities and encourage students in all grades to participate.

“Every single student matters to us. All are expected to work hard, stay focused, and keep improving. We regularly analyze data on students’ progress to create individualized action plans that ensure no student falls through the cracks, and that each is challenged and supported. Our teachers know how to connect and engage with young people, inspiring them to see themselves as scholars and take ownership of their learning and their futures.” Caleb Hurst-Hiller, *Head of School*

*Tahawney Terrell '14 is one of five CCSC graduates named a Posse Scholar. She is attending Bryn Mawr College on a full scholarship valued at more than \$200,000.*



## CCSC College Pathway



Every CCSC student is on the path to college from Day 1, building the academic skills and professionalism required for post-secondary success. Our formal college counseling program begins in 9th grade, and we work closely with families to develop an appropriate post-secondary plan for each student. All students apply to college; 100% have been admitted, over 90% to four-year schools. Our rates of college persistence and completion are far above the national average.

### Colleges CCSC graduates are currently attending (*partial list*):

Amherst College  
 Bentley University  
 Boston College  
 Bryn Mawr College  
 Bucknell University  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 Dartmouth College  
 Denison University  
 Hamilton College  
 Haverford College  
 Howard University  
 Lesley University  
 Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences  
 Northeastern University  
 Smith College  
 Suffolk University  
 UMass (all campuses)  
 Wentworth Institute of Technology  
 Wheaton College  
 Wheelock College